

**Applicant: Huang et al.
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REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-19 are currently pending in this application, claim 3 has been amended to correct a typographical error, and claims 20-22 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 1-22 have been subjected to a restriction requirement as being drawn to the following distinct inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: claims 1-19, drawn to a production method for a pulp, classified in class 162, subclass 72; and

Group II: claims 20-22; drawn to a biopulp, classified in class 71, subclass 23.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-19, for prosecution on the merits.

Non-elected claims 20-22 have been canceled, without prejudice, and are being sought in a divisional application which is being concurrently filed.

Prompt examination of claim 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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